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REPORT.

To His Excellency the Governor and the Honorable Legislative Assembly of the State of Washington:

GENTLEMEN—The Trustees of the Washington School for Defective Youth respectfully submit the following report, setting forth the work, the condition and the needs of this institution:

I. — ERECTION OF BUILDINGS.

Our report of last year asked for appropriations amounting to 70,000 dollars for the erection of buildings, fencing grounds, providing furniture and furnishings, etc., besides 12,000 dollars to meet the current expenses of the school during the year ending April 1, 1891; total appropriations asked for, 82,000 dollars.

The last named item was granted in full by the legislature, and the appended account of the treasurer will show how this money was expended, up to the end of the school fiscal year, June 30, 1890. [See appendix A.]

Only 40,000 of the 70,000 dollars asked for by this board, to erect buildings and fences, and purchase furniture and furnishings, etc., was appropriated by the last legislature. Nearly all of this appropriation has been expended (according to the provisions of the act granting it) in pushing towards completion the main building, which is expected to accommodate the deaf, mute and blind children of the state for several years to come; and in furnishing complete systems of steam heating, electric light, water pipe, and plumbing. The balance on hand is sufficient to defray the expense of erecting outhouses, stable, and fencing the grounds. As the contractors have not all completed their work, we are unable to specify the exact amount of money they have earned up to this date. Contracts have been let for 38,317 dollars; and warrants have been drawn on the state treasurer for 25,725 dollars. But we are holding back several thousand dollars of money earned to

ensure fulfillment of contracts let (under sufficient bonds) according to specifications.

There still remains uncontracted for, and therefore unfinished, the interior of a portion of the main north wing of the building, which includes the assembly hall and large dining room.

II. — SCHOOL TERM.

The presence of mechanics and unfinished work, delayed the opening of the current school term for several weeks; but a good portion of this lost time can be made up by extending the class-work a few weeks into the coming summer. This extension has been planned by the director, with the approval of the board of trustees.

III. — PUPILS AND EMPLOYES.

There are at present forty-three pupils in this institution, of whom twenty-five are boys and eighteen are girls.

To instruct and care for these pupils requires the service of one director and two assistant teachers, one engineer and one assistant engineer, who is also night watchman, one cook, one laundryman and two female helpers. This would seem to be a rather numerous staff of employes in an institution for the benefit of pupils possessing all of their senses. But experience has shown that pupils whose senses are defective require more immediate personal attention than those who possess all their faculties. This involves a larger proportion of teachers, instructors and other attendants, than would obtain in an ordinary seminary or boarding school.

IV. — SALARIES AND OTHER EXPENSES.

The wages paid to our teachers and employes are represented by the following figures: Director \$1,200 per annum; first assistant teacher \$1,200; second assistant teacher, who is also matron, \$900; engineer \$720; assistant engineer \$360; cook \$480; laundryman \$300; one female helper \$25 per month; one ditto \$15 per month. [For further particulars as to expenditures see appendix A.]

V. — SANITARY, ETC.

The health of the pupils is at present all that can be desired; although la grippe paid an unwelcome visit during the last term, at an expense to the state of several hundred dollars. Great care has been taken to have all food of the most nourishing and wholesome quality, and the water both abundant and pure.

The bath tub is freely used, and good ventilation with outdoor exercise are regarded as important factors in the problem of educating and developing the powers and faculties, and preserving the health of the pupils. The location of this institution on an elevated plateau overlooking "The great river of the West," swept alternately by the invigorating breezes of mountain and ocean, with one of the grandest landscapes of the great Northwest spread out before the eye, should result (with the proper care and instruction from the officers and assistants who have charge of the school) in healthy and happy conditions of physical, mental and moral development. These conditions, we believe, exist in a noteworthy degree in the Washington School for Defective Youth. Indeed it affords us great pleasure to refer to both the quality and the quantity of class work performed by the teachers and pupils of this institution. One of the youngest schools in our nation, it has already won a place well up towards the center of the line: Parents and guardians of defective children in several other states are turning attention hitherward, with a view to securing their admission into our Washington school. While we know that this satisfactory condition is partly due to the beautiful and salubrious situation and partly to the enlightened and liberal support furnished by the legislature of the state, we are fully convinced that it is chiefly due to wise planning and skilful conducting of the internal affairs of the institution by Professor Watson and his assistants. The State of Washington is to be congratulated upon having kind and otherwise efficient servants to care for and educate the unfortunate defective youth, who constitute a portion of the inhabitants thereof.

VI. — NEEDFUL APPROPRIATIONS.

We require an appropriation of \$18,117 to meet the estimated expenses of this institution for the year beginning April 1, 1891; and \$21,334 for the year beginning April 1, 1892. Making a total grant for current expenses during these two years of \$39,451. [See itemized estimates, appendix B.]

We also need \$13,450 to finish the building now enclosed, construct an elevator, and purchase a storage electric battery for midnight use. This estimated sum is about \$3,250 above the amount specified in our report of last year, but the storage battery was not a part of last year's statement. The legislature of 1889-90

appropriated \$10,000 less than our estimates, and we now ask this \$10,000 plus \$3,450, total \$13,450, believing that this sum will defray all the expense necessary for sheltering the deaf, mute and blind children of this state for a number of years. [For itemized estimates see appendix C.]

VII. — FEEBLE MINDED CHILDREN.

The above estimates do not include a separate building and department for feeble minded children. Our last report contained the following statements and suggestions which are here reiterated in the hope that they may receive the attention which their truthfulness, and the importance of their subject demand. The feeble minded children require treatment and training so entirely different from that needed by the deaf and dumb and blind youth, that they ought to be in separate buildings. We suggest, as a matter of economy, that a plain brick house be erected on grounds which can now be secured at a reasonable expense, and within easy reach of the existing building, so as to be under the immediate and daily supervision of the director of this institution. This plan would carry out the spirit of the law and give to feeble minded children that separate care and attention which their unfortunate condition demands. The expense of securing the necessary grounds and erecting a suitable building, or buildings, (for a beginning) ought not to be above twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000). Should this appropriation be made it will involve the necessity of a special appropriation of about \$6,000 to defray the current expenses of this branch of the institution.

There seems to be a widespread misconception in regard to this department of the School for Defective Youth. Many persons have an idea that this is an asylum, or home, for idiots, who possess no measure of mental ability. Others appear to imagine that it is a proper and very convenient place in which to domicile such peculiarly unfortunate idiots as are afflicted with loathsome and incurable diseases, and dominated by vicious habits. But the fact is that such unfortunate youth are very properly excluded by law from the benefits of this institution. Experience has proved that proper care and treatment usually develope and strengthen a feeble mind. This is intended to be a school in which to educate and develope children who possess some mental powers upon which to operate, but it does not profess or attempt to deal with hopeless

cases. No human agency has yet been discovered which can create a mind in the body of a hopeless idiot. The state should establish an asylum for this last named class of unfortunates, with a hospital attachment for those of their number who are afflicted with loathsome and incurable diseases. Such an institution could be carried on in connection with the asylum for the insane; or as an entirely distinct department of this institution, which the state has entrusted to our care and management. But the law which created this School for Defective Youth precludes the admission of children who, besides being incapable of receiving from it any benefit themselves, would, by their presence, cause serious injury to other inmates of the institution. A more perfect and general knowledge of the real aims and purposes of this institution would prevent misunderstandings and sad disappointments on the part of parents and guardians of many unfortunate children for whose education in this school the law very properly makes no provision.

VIII. — WATER SUPPLY.

A contract has been entered into with the Columbia Land and Improvement Company for an abundant supply of pure and wholesome water, which is to be brought into the school building through a three inch cast iron pipe, with sufficient pressure to throw the water over the roof of the main building and afford ample security in the case of fire. This water supply costs \$50 per month, and may be continued from year to year at the option of the trustees. This is less expensive than any other sufficient water supply within our reach. Nevertheless a minority of this board of trustees have an opinion that it will be better for the institution to own its own water system, combining a well, steam pump, tower and tank, making full connections with the water pipes which have been placed in every part of the building. Plans for such a system were prepared by our architect; and bids for construction thereof, together with proper guarantees for satisfactory operation, were advertised for as the law directs. We have as our lowest available bid an offer to construct the system according to plans and specifications, and furnish a guarantee as above stated, for the sum of \$4,500. In addition to the annual interest on this expenditure the operation of our own system will cost, according to estimates of our engineer, about \$200 per annum in extra fuel, besides wear and tear of machinery and deterioration in value of the tower and

tank; all of which items have to be considered in determining the question of water supply. Should the legislature determine that it will be better for the institution to own its own water system than to depend upon others for a supply of the cleansing and refreshing fluid, we recommend that the sum of \$5,000 be appropriated for this purpose.

The foregoing report with its appendices presents a full account of our stewardship, and careful estimates of the amount of money needed to carry on the work committed to our care.

Our duty having been thus fully and freely performed, we pass over to the guardians of the state, and its treasury, the duty and responsibility of providing the fund wherewith to make our plans and purposes of practical utility to the unfortunate deaf, mute, blind and feeble minded children of our state.

Hereunto please find appended the report of the director of the school for the year ending May 28, 1890. [See appendix D.] As that document contains valuable facts and suggestions, we recommend that it be published along with this report; 500 copies of which we request you to have printed for general circulation.

Respectfully submitted,

J. RANDOLPH SMITH, *President*,

JOHN R. THOMPSON,

W. B. DANIELS,

B. F. SHAW,

JOHN D. GEOGHEGAN,

Trustees Washington School for Defective Youth.

VANCOUVER, WASH., January 13, 1891.

APPENDIX A.

RECEIPTS.

<i>Date.</i>	<i>Item.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>
1889.		
	Balance on hand from last statement.....	\$163 02
July 8	To territorial warrant.....	1,500 00
Oct. 11	To territorial warrant.....	1,500 00
1890.		
Jan. 6	To territorial warrant.....	1,500 00
April 6	To territorial warrant.....	1,500 00
July 7	To state warrant.....	3,022 50
	Total.....	\$9,185 52

DISBURSEMENTS.

<i>Number of voucher.</i>	<i>To whom paid.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>
306.....	The Register, printing.....	\$4 00
307.....	L. M. Hidden, supplies.....	9 50
308.....	Sohns & Schuele, garden barrow.....	4 50
309.....	David Wall, supplies and medicines.....	4 90
310.....	Burt Brothers, fish.....	5 75
311.....	J. H. Fletcher, fruit and vegetables.....	45 55
312.....	J. P. Lowe, cutlery.....	4 50
313.....	John Miller, repairs.....	2 00
314.....	Mrs. A. Wise, merchandise.....	23 80
315.....	Crawford, Marshall & Co., supplies.....	61 71
316.....	Bluerock & Sons, meat.....	72 66
317.....	H. D. Lenny, Hay.....	28 00
318.....	Marsh & Acteson, labor and supplies.....	4 50
319.....	J. J. Wentler, labor and supplies.....	5 25
320.....	James Waggener, schoolroom supplies.....	4 40
321.....	J. D. Geoghegan, merchandise.....	77 05
322.....	Mrs. Mary O'Brien, laundress.....	10 00
323.....	The Oregonian, supplies.....	6 00
324.....	Chas. McCarty, wood.....	5 00
325.....	Jas. Watson, incidental expense account.....	41 79
326.....	Lone Chong, cook.....	90 00
327.....	Ah Ling, laundryman.....	25 00
328.....	Mrs. Cecilia Watson, teacher and matron.....	225 00
329.....	Jas. Watson, director.....	250 00
330.....	Geo. H. Young, supplies.....	4 50
331.....	H. Christ, butter.....	82 49
332.....	C. O. Dantzer, teacher.....	140 00
333.....	Dr. J. R. Smith, services.....	7 50
334.....	Jas. Waggener, schoolroom supplies.....	12 25
335.....	Marsh & Acteson, labor and supplies.....	11 00
336.....	C. W. Cushing.....	9 00
337.....	J. D. Geoghegan, merchandise.....	66 13
338.....	Chicago Crockery store, supplies.....	18 65
339.....	The Vancouver Independent, printing and supplies.....	27 25
340.....	Henry Christ, butter.....	18 36
341.....	W. C. Durgin, labor.....	3 00
342.....	Bluerock & Sons, meat.....	10 16
343.....	Crawford, Marshall & Co., merchandise.....	14 83

DISBURSEMENTS - CONTINUED.

<i>Number of voucher.</i>	<i>To whom paid.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>
344.	J. J. Winter, supplies and labor.....	\$6 55
345.	Wm. C. Watson, services.....	225 00
346.	Jas. Watson, director.....	266 66
347.	Chas. Hayes, labor.....	5 40
348.	Lone Chong, cook.....	37 00
349.	Frank Cassiday, labor.....	29 75
350.	Mrs. C. G. Harrel, cartage.....	12 00
351.	Qua Sim, labor.....	5 00
352.	Walla Walla Statesman, printing proposals for supplies.....	25 00
353.	Jas. Watson, incidental expenses.....	65 50
354.	Solms & Schuele, merchandise.....	44 78
355.	J. R. Wintler, merchandise.....	6 40
356.	C. W. Cushing, labor and supplies.....	20 00
357.	J. H. Fletcher, fruit and vegetables.....	12 82
358.	Burt Brothers, fish.....	5 88
359.	Mrs. A. Wise, merchandise.....	112 73
360.	H. D. Tenney, hay and chop.....	47 18
361.	Mrs. A. Wise, merchandise.....	118 02
362.	Walter J. Ross, lumber.....	24 53
363.	Hough & McGoldrick, meat.....	135 91
364.	J. D. Geoghegan, merchandise.....	59 19
365.	J. H. Fletcher, supplies.....	256 50
366.	Henry Christ, butter.....	63 21
367.	Burt Brothers, fish.....	11 30
368.	Vancouver Register, printing and supplies.....	8 50
369.	Solms & Schuele, merchandise.....	50 05
370.	John Ladely, labor.....	11 37
371.	John Schwartz, teacher.....	15 00
372.	Mrs. C. Watson, teacher.....	225 00
373.	Charley Fong, cook.....	29 00
374.	Emanuel Payne, labor.....	12 00
375.	Lone Sim, laundryman.....	44 16
376.	Ching Kula, cook.....	67 77
377.	Lin Fone, labor.....	12 50
378.	Jas. Watson, sundry supplies and wages paid.....	83 25
379.	John Eaton, labor.....	28 25
380.	Jas. Watson, director.....	275 00
381.	Jas. Waggener, supplies.....	3 60
382.	Marsh & Morgan, labor and supplies.....	1 00
383.	Fred Vanatta, services.....	6 75
384.	C. N. Briggs, carriage hire.....	1 50
385.	C. N. Briggs, carriage hire.....	6 00
386.	Blurock & Sons, milk.....	32 94
387.	G. H. Daniels, labor and material.....	50 37
388.	J. R. Smith, M. D., services.....	7 50
389.	The Oregonian, supplies.....	8 00
390.	David Wall, supplies and medicine.....	7 35
391.	Charles L. Hunt, services.....	10 00
392.	Walter J. Ross, lumber.....	10 51
393.	G. H. Daniels, labor and supplies.....	26 20
394.	David Wall, merchandise.....	37 50
395.	C. W. Cushing, merchandise.....	1 85
396.	The Vancouver Independent, printing.....	3 50
397.	J. P. Lowe, merchandise.....	31 00
398.	W. H. Brewster, merchandise.....	7 15
399.	J. D. Geoghegan, merchandise.....	107 19
400.	Mrs. A. Wise, merchandise.....	197 61
401.	Burt Brothers, fish.....	8 80
402.	J. J. Wintler, supplies.....	1 85
403.	M. Osborn, wood.....	30 00
404.	H. D. Tenney feed.....	41 77
405.	The Vancouver Register.....	8 75
406.	Wm. F. Tracy, services.....	8 40
407.	J. H. Fletcher, fruit and vegetables.....	76 76
408.	Henry Christ, butter.....	63 92
409.	E. F. Hixon, M. D., services.....	3 00
410.	Emanuel Payne, labor.....	13 80
411.	John Schwartz, teacher.....	90 00
412.	Mrs. C. Watson, teacher and matron.....	225 00
413.	Jas. Watson, director.....	275 00
414.	Lin Fone, laundryman.....	24 16
415.	R. E. Eggleston, night fireman.....	13 00
416.	Jas. Waggener, merchandise.....	8 80

DISBURSEMENTS — CONCLUDED.

<i>Number of voucher.</i>	<i>To whom paid.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>
417.....	Mrs. J. R. Eaton, services.....	\$52 00
418.....	Lee Girk, laundryman.....	41 49
419.....	Ching Kina, cook.....	35 00
420.....	Meyers & Petras, supplies.....	10 25
421.....	Lonie Lim, labor.....	40 00
422.....	Jas. Watson, incidentals.....	43 83
423.....	Loun Chong, services.....	20 00
424.....	Jas. Waggener, supplies.....	2 50
425.....	J. J. Healy, labor and material.....	66 86
426.....	Sohns & Schuele, merchandise.....	59 65
427.....	Hongh & McGoldrick, meat.....	156 05
428.....	Blurock & Sons, milk.....	29 28
429.....	J. R. Smith, M. D., services.....	50 00
430.....	The Vancouver Water Company, water rent.....	65 00
431.....	A. J. Cook, supplies.....	65 00
432.....	Goldsmith & Louvenberg, stoves.....	98 86
433.....	Gridley & Whitney, merchandise.....	65 30
434.....	Jas. Waggener, supplies.....	9 70
435.....	Vancouver Independent, printing.....	3 75
436.....	Burt Brothers, fish.....	11 09
437.....	W. H. Brewster, merchandise.....	16 65
438.....	Henry Christ, butter.....	96 31
439.....	Vancouver Water Company, water rent.....	30 00
440.....	H. D. Tenney, feed.....	43 05
441.....	David Wall, merchandise.....	15 35
442.....	Sohns & Schuele, merchandise.....	3 27
443.....	Sohns & Son, merchandise.....	14 02
444.....	J. H. Fletcher, vegetables.....	32 40
445.....	Marsh & Morgan, labor and material.....	6 00
446.....	J. J. Wintler, labor and material.....	3 90
447.....	J. J. Healy, labor and material.....	16 85
448.....	Mrs. A. Wise, merchandise.....	196 69
449.....	G. Shindler Furniture Company, merchandise.....	255 95
450.....	Mrs. J. R. Eaton, services.....	56 17
451.....	Olds & Summers, merchandise.....	14 90
452.....	A. P. Clark, wood.....	18 00
453.....	C. W. Sloeum, merchandise.....	3 50
454.....	Mrs. S. E. Sproni, services.....	7 10
455.....	H. T. Hudson, merchandise.....	1 00
456.....	Lone Chong, cook.....	13 83
457.....	Mrs. S. Addington, services.....	12 50
458.....	Jas. Watson, advance payment, labor, etc.....	65 25
459.....	Lone Lim, laundryman.....	75 00
460.....	Wm. C. Watson, services.....	225 00
461.....	John Schwartz, services.....	90 00
462.....	Jas. Watson, services.....	275 00
463.....	Sing Wong, cook.....	91 00
464.....	Gridley & Whitney, merchandise.....	42 60
465.....	Hongh & McGoldrick, meat.....	140 79
466.....	J. D. Geoghegan, merchandise.....	125 78
467.....	G. H. Daniels, labor and supplies.....	29 30
468.....	Dr. J. R. Smith, services.....	110 00
469.....	Jerome B. Smith, services.....	19 50
470.....	Carrie Hauken, services.....	25 00
Total disbursements.....		\$8,180 87
Total receipts.....		9,185 52
Balance in treasury.....		\$704 65

Certified correct:

A. J. COOK, Auditor.

SCHOOL FOR DEFECTIVE YOUTH.

FIFTH ANNUAL

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR.

APPENDIX D.

VANCOUVER, May 28, 1890.

To the Board of Trustees of the Washington School for Defective Youth:

GENTLEMEN— I have the honor to submit the fifth annual report of this school for the year ending May 28, 1890.

ATTENDANCE.

The number of pupils in attendance during the term was as follows:

Males	18
Females	15
Total	33

The number of new students admitted was nine, of whom seven are boys and two girls. They are bright, intelligent children.

HEALTH.

While we have cause for sincere thankfulness that our charges have enjoyed a good degree of health during the year, yet we have not escaped sickness. In January we were visited with influenza, which at that time was very prevalent all over the state, and indeed throughout the continent. Almost our whole school was stricken down with the disease at the same time. They all made speedy recoveries without any evil effects being developed, except in the case of one girl, who was subsequently seized with a severe attack of spinal meningitis. Her case was the cause of much serious anxiety for about two months. After many days and nights of most careful attendance and nursing, in which the chances seemed about evenly balanced between life and death, a change for the better finally became apparent, and at the end of a few weeks convalescing she became sufficiently restored to undertake the journey to her home. Although measles were epidemic both in the city and surrounding country during the past two months, we had hoped

that our isolated position, combined with extra precaution taken against contagion, would ensure our immunity from the disease; but in this we were disappointed. The initial case made its appearance on the 10th of April, since which time we have had sixteen cases. All are now fully recovered and ready to return to their homes in excellent health.

In this connection it is our pleasant duty to bear testimony to the kind and skillful treatment of our physician, Dr. J. Randolph Smith, who was most assiduous in his attentions to the patients.

CHANGES.

At the close of the last term our assistant teacher, Mr. C. O. Dantzer, resigned his position for the purpose of prosecuting his studies with the view of entering the ministry. The vacancy was filled by the appointment of Mr. John Schwirtz, a graduate of the Minnesota school, and of the National Deaf Mute College at Washington, D. C.

NEW BUILDING.

On the 21st day of August last, upon the order of the president of the board of trustees, we removed the furniture and effects of the school from the old building to this fine edifice. Although we were in some respects hampered for room owing to the building being only partially completed, still it was a very decided improvement upon our old quarters, and one which was highly appreciated by all concerned. The site affords a charming and picturesque view of the Columbia river; in addition to the lovely scenery in the immediate neighborhood, the spectator looking beyond as far as the eye can reach, sees fine areas of fruit country, while Mount Hood and the Cascade mountains in the distance lend to the whole scenery of indescribable beauty a charm and pleasure rarely experienced in any land.

The position was well selected in regard to its healthfulness and to convenience to our beautiful growing city. As the director of this school I heartily rejoice in the erection of this building, in which the deaf and the blind of our state may obtain such education and training as shall fit them to pursue an honorable calling in the community in which they may in the future reside.

The last territorial legislature and our first state legislature have conferred a boon upon a class of our fellow citizens, than which none

is more deserving of their sympathy and consideration. And it demonstrates that the people of this commonwealth are fully alive to the importance of extending both a literary and a mechanical training to every child within its borders.

THE WORK OF THE CLASS ROOM.

Although the work of the class room was somewhat hindered by the sickness already referred to, the results of the annual written examination, which was held during the past ten days, were such as to merit praise, and showed that both teachers and pupils had worked both assiduously and intelligently during the term. And when I say this I simply voice the expressed opinions of the many visitors to the class rooms during the examinations.

We have no new department to report in the system of instruction pursued in the school. While we still adhere to the methods which have successfully stood the test of years in all the old and best schools, in imparting a thorough understanding of our language to the large majority of the deaf, through the medium of the sign language, we have also at stated times as well as in the daily routine of class exercises, endeavored to perfect in oral language, all pupils who have shown any aptitude in the acquisition of speech. The proficiency attained by several members of the oral class, both in articulation and lip reading, has been so remarkable as to call forth expressions of gratification and pleasure from their parents and friends.

THE BUILDING.

In the month of January last, a joint committee from both houses of the state legislature, consisting of the honorable senators Clough and Forsyth, of the senate, and honorables Messrs. Blair, Huntington, Power, Shinn and Farrish, of the legislative assembly, visited the school. They spent the greater part of the day in examining into the progress of the various classes and the system of instruction pursued. Also in inspecting the premises and enquiring into the general needs of the school. The following reports submitted to both houses of the legislature, respectively, on their return to the capital, will show their appreciation of our work.

REPORT OF SENATE COMMITTEE.

To the President and Members of the Senate:

Your Committee on School for Defective Youth, who under a joint resolution visited the State School for Defective Youth at Vancouver, Washington, for the purpose of ascertaining the condition of said institution, having discharged the duties assigned them, beg to submit the following report:

First: We find that the said institution is in a prosperous condition, and the general management and conduct fully up to the requirements of the times.

Second: We find the institution, from an educational point of view, fully up to the standard of such institutions in this country. The discipline of officers and teachers fair and humane. The course of study and manual training excellent.

Third: We find the building now in use is only partially completed, and is heated by stoves and lighted by lamps, rendering it unsafe for the occupants and the state.

Fourth: That the institution is under the management of Professor James Watson and wife, with one assistant, a mute, who is a graduate of the National Deaf Mute College at Washington, D. C.

Fifth: We find that Professor and Mrs. Watson are teachers of long experience in this great and noble work, and are in every respect worthy of the highest commendation as managers and teachers.

Sixth: We find the present accommodations are inadequate to the demands of admission, many being refused the same on account of lack of room.

Seventh: It is the earnest wish of your committee that the building be completed so that the blind and the feeble minded as well as the deaf mute may be cared for.

Respectfully,

[Signed]

L. B. CLOUGH,

C. T. WOODING.

REPORT OF HOUSE COMMITTEE.

MR. SPEAKER - Your Committee on Washington School for Defective Youth, in company with the senate committee, have visited the institution for defective youth, and beg leave to report as follows:

The school is situated one and one-half miles east of the city of Vancouver, Clarke county, on the north side of the Columbia river. The site is well chosen, the location is unexcelled in beauty, commanding a fine view of the Columbia river, the city of Vancouver and the Vancouver barracks as well as extensive views of the Cascade Mountains, whose snow capped peaks appear in all their grandeur.

The original plan of the building contemplates a main building 52x80 feet, four stories high, and a central wing 40x60 feet on the back of the

main building. The main building is enclosed and the outer walls are of brick and patent stone or concrete. The inside walls are wainscoting and plaster. The work and material throughout is plain and substantial, but first class, and built to stand rough usage.

There are only twenty-one rooms in the main building completed, and the remainder are simply partitioned off with studding. The finished portion of the building is all occupied, and in fact, crowded already. The building is heated at present by stoves and lighted by kerosene lamps, and is unsafe both for the occupants and the state. According to the original plan the building is to be heated by hot water and lighted by electricity, the same engine furnishing the hot water and the power for the electric light plant. So heated and lighted the building would be safe and comfortable.

The school is under the direct supervision of Professor James Watson, who is assisted by his most estimable wife and one male teacher (a deaf gentleman who is a graduate of the college at Washington, D. C.)

There are now thirty-one pupils in the school, all deaf mutes, and they are to all appearances as contented and happy, and not only appear happy but greatly interested in their studies and warmly attached to their teachers.

To one unacquainted with the methods of teaching the deaf, a visit to this school would at once convince him of the many obstacles in the way of imparting knowledge to them, and show as well the great necessity of such an institution. Professor and Mrs. Watson are teachers of large experience in this special work, and the great interest they manifest in their present situation shows that not only their heads and hands are in the work, but their hearts and very lives are in it as well. Too much cannot be said in praise of the great and good work they are doing for those who are under their charge, and the earnest wish of your committee is that the state will finish the building as soon as possible, so that the blind as well as the deaf may be admitted. No blind youths can be admitted for want of proper facilities for caring for and teaching them, nor can any more of any class be comfortably cared for until more room is provided.

Respectfully submitted.

H. BLAIR, *Chairman.*

It is gratifying to us to state that the recommendations embodied in the above reports met with the approval of our legislators, and that with the view of carrying them into practical effect the sum of \$40,000 was appropriated for that purpose. The finishing of the building and the furnishing of all necessary school and home appliances will enable us to accommodate the increased number of pupils whom we have reason to expect shall seek admission at the opening of next season. The law passed at the last session of the legislature making the education of the defective classes compulsory, will be no doubt, the means of affording the educational advan-

tages of this institution to many children who would otherwise be kept at home through the natural, yet nevertheless, mistaken kindness of parents and guardians.

BLIND

The blind class, which was suspended during the past term, owing to the insufficiency of our funds to pay the salary of a teacher, will be reorganized next term, an appropriation having been voted by the last legislature for the employment of a competent instructor in that special branch of our work.

WATER.

The water supply system which was introduced into the building by the board of building commissioners before they retired from office, afforded us with an abundant supply of good, wholesome water. Still it does not answer the requirements of the school, as there is not sufficient pressure to carry the supply to any part of the building above the basement story. For bathing purposes, flushing out-closets and as a protection against fire, it was necessary to resort to the laborious and very unsatisfactory system of lifting it with a force-pump, by hand, to the large tank situated in the attic of the building. I trust your honorable board shall devise some plan whereby we can obtain the quantity of water which is absolutely necessary in every part of the building without being under the necessity of having recourse to the method already referred to.

I have endeavored, gentlemen, to lay before you an outline of our work during the past year, and I think the evidence of general improvement, due largely to your kindly interest and encouragement, are incontrovertible proofs that the institution is not only progressive but prosperous.

Herewith appended is a list of the pupils in attendance during the year, with their postoffice address.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES WATSON, *Director.*

CATALOGUE.

CATALOGUE OF PUPILS ADMITTED TO THE INSTITUTION FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 28, 1890.

FEMALES.

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post office.</i>	<i>County.</i>
Adkins, Minnie B.....	Vancouver.....	Clarke.
Dickinson, Emma.....	Waitsburg.....	Walla Walla.
Evans, Sarah.....	McCallum.....	Kittitas.
Hanken, Carrie.....	Knale.....	Lewis.
Henton, Leo B.....	Ellensburg.....	Kittitas.
Jones, Edith.....	Port Townsend.....	Jefferson.
Levy, Editha.....	Hamilton.....	Skagit.
Lewis, Hattie.....	Farmington.....	Whitman.
McCarner, Naomi.....	Tacoma.....	Pierce.
Settum, Lena O.....	Seattle.....	King.
Sinclair, Melissa.....	Alpha.....	Lewis.
Wade, Nancy N.....	Montesano.....	Chehalis.
Wade, Clara M.....	Montesano.....	Chehalis.

MALES.

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post office.</i>	<i>County.</i>
Adkins, Robert.....	Vancouver.....	Clarke.
Adams, John.....	Franklin.....	King.
Brown, Lee.....	Dayton.....	Columbia.
Clark, Albert.....	Winlock.....	Lewis.
Draper, Wilbur.....	Port Townsend.....	Jefferson.
Ewing, William.....	Dayton.....	Columbia.
Gorniley, William.....	Dayton.....	Columbia.
Graignie, Francois.....	Waldin.....	San Juan.
Guenther, Henry.....	Cape Horn.....	Skamania.
Marshall, Horace.....	Spokane Falls.....	Spokane.
Price, Edmund.....	Seattle.....	King.
Rector, Osbert.....	Farmington.....	Whitman.
Smith, Dean.....	Elma.....	
Smith, Henry.....	Battle Ground.....	Clarke.
Wade, A. M.....	Montesano.....	Chehalis.
Wade, E. E.....	Montesano.....	Chehalis.
Wade, M. G.....	Montesano.....	Chehalis.
Weaver, Earl.....	Ellensburg.....	Kittitas.
Wolf, Abe.....	Ellensburg.....	Kittitas.
Woods, Nelson.....	Snohomish.....	Snohomish.

We are indebted to the following friends of the school for gifts which proved very acceptable to the pupils:

To Dr. Hixon, of Vancouver, for a donation of \$5.00.

To Dr. Powers, of Ellensburg, for \$5.00.

To Mrs. Wintler, of Vancouver, for various games.

To Mrs. Jaggy, of Vancouver, for Christmas gifts.

To Rev. J. R. Thompson, of Vancouver, for Christmas cards.

To Mrs. Wise, of Vancouver, for Christmas gifts.

To Hon. J. D. Geoghegan for candies.

To Mrs. W. H. Brewster for box of oranges.
 To Mr. Wolf, of Ellensburg, for candies.
 To Mrs. Henton, of Ellensburg, for Christmas cards.
 To Mrs. Willis Price, of Seattle, for Christmas gifts.
 To Mr. A. Cook, of Vancouver, for candies.
 To Mrs. Fletcher, of Vancouver, for fruit.
 To Hon. Louis Sohns, of Vancouver, for free tickets to circens.
 To Mrs. Troupe, of Vancouver, for basket of fruit.

Grateful acknowledgment is made for the donation of regular copies of the following newspapers:

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Where published.</i>
The Walla Walla Statesman	Walla Walla, Wash.
Idaho Free Press	Grangeville, Idaho.
The Independent	Vancouver, Wash.
The Register	Vancouver, Wash.
The Tribune	Olympia, Wash.
The Deaf Mute Journal	New York, N. Y.
The Companion	Faribault, Minn.
The Mirror	Flint, Mich.
Texas Ranger	Austin, Tex.
Juvenile Ranger	Austin, Tex.
The Tablet	Romney, W. Va.
The Bulletin	Frederick, Md.
The Kansas Star	Olathe, Kan.
The Wisconsin Times	Delavin, Wis.
The Mute's Chronicle	Columbus, O.
The News	Berkley, Cal.
The Sign	Salem, Ore.
The Clonian	Portland, Ore.
The Advance	Jacksonville, Ill.
The Voice	Jackson, Miss.
The Kentucky Deaf Mute	Danville, Ky.
The Deaf Mute Critic	Dubuque, Ia.
The Dakota Advocate	Sioux Falls, S. D.
The Optic	Little Rock, Ark.
The Mite (supplement)	Little Rock, Ark.
The Reporter	Little Rock, Ark.

